

REMARKS**I. Amendments**

Claims 1, 3, 4, 10-13, 20, 22, 25-28, 30, 63, 75, 116, 125, and 126 have been amended, and claims 2, 32-62, 67-74, 88-115, 119-124, and 135-154 have been canceled.

Claim 1 has been amended solely for clarity, and claims 3, 4, 10-13, 20, 22, 25-28, 30, 63, 75, 116, 125, and 126 have been amended to depend from claim 1. No new matter has been added.

II. Election

Pursuant to C.F.R. § 1.499, the Examiner has required election of one of the following groups of claims:

Group I, claim(s) 1, drawn to a method of encapsulating a liposome sample.

Group II, claim(s) 2-31, drawn to a method of encapsulating multiple liposome samples.

Group III, claim(s) 32-52, drawn to a method of encapsulating multiple liposome samples, wherein said liposomes comprise a weight percentage not in the range of 15-30% of the weight of the gel or liquid.

Group IV, claim(s) 53-62, drawn to a method of encapsulating multiple liposome samples in a gel lacking a hydrating agent.

Group V, claim(s) 32, 88-100, drawn to a method of encapsulating multiple liposome samples wherein said liposomes comprise a weight percentage not in the range of 15-30% of the weight of the gel or liquid, and wherein the aqueous media is mixed in increments.

Group VI, claim(s) 53, 101-115, drawn to a method of encapsulating multiple liposome samples, wherein said liposomes comprise a weight percentage not in the range of 15-30% of the weight of the gel or liquid, wherein the aqueous media is mixed with the gel in increments.

Group VII, claim(s) 2, 116-118, drawn to a method of encapsulating multiple liposome samples, wherein at least one charged lipid is used.

Group VIII, claim(s) 32, 119-121, drawn to a method of encapsulating multiple liposome samples, wherein said liposomes comprise a weight percentage not in the range of 15-30% of the weight of the gel or liquid, wherein at least one charged lipid is used.

Group IX, claim(s) 53, 122-124, drawn to a method of encapsulating multiple liposome samples in a gel lacking a hydrating agent.

Group X, claim(s) 2, 125-134, drawn to a method of encapsulating multiple liposome samples wherein the amount of lipid in the gel ranges from 1% to the hydration limit.

Group XI, claim(s) 32, 135-144, drawn to a method of encapsulating multiple liposome samples, wherein said liposomes comprise a weight percentage not in the range of 15-30% of the weight of the gel or liquid wherein the amount of lipid in the gel ranges from 1% to the hydration limit.

Group XII, claim(s) 53, 145-154, drawn to a method of encapsulating multiple liposome samples in a gel lacking a hydrating agent wherein the amount of lipid in the gel ranges from 1% to the hydration limit.

Group XIII, claim(s) 2, 63-66, drawn to a method of encapsulating multiple liposome samples additionally comprising a fusogenic lipid.

Group XIV, claim(s) 32, 67-70, drawn to a method of encapsulating multiple liposome samples, wherein said liposomes comprise a weight percentage not in the range of 15-30% of the weight of the gel or liquid, additionally comprising a fusogenic lipid.

Group XV, claim(s) 53, 71-74, drawn to a method of encapsulating multiple liposome samples in a gel lacking a hydrating agent, additionally comprising a fusogenic lipid.

Group XVI, claim(s) 2, 75-87, drawn to a method of encapsulating multiple liposome samples additionally comprising increments of up to a certain weight percentage prior to addition of aqueous media.

Applicants hereby elect **Group I, claim 1**, drawn to a method of encapsulating multiple liposome samples.

Applicants submit the fee for a four-month extension of time herewith. No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with the submission of this paper. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to our **Deposit Account No. 06-1448, under Reference No. TRA-028.01.**

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